ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆಯು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಸದನದ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಹೊರಟಿತು. ಸಭಾ ಸದನದ ದ್ವಾರದ ಬಳಿ ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆ ಬಂದ ಕೂಡಲೇ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಆಗಮನವನ್ನು ಮಾರ್ಶಲ್‌ರವರು ಸಭೆಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು ಮತ್ತು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗೀತೆಯನ್ನು ನುಡಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರು ಸದನವನ್ನು ಪ್ರವೇಶಿಸಿ ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ತನಕ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಎದ್ದು ನಿಂತುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು.

ಸಭಾಸದನದ ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಬಂದ ಬಳಿಕ ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆಯು ಇಬ್ಭಾಗವಾಯಿತು. ವೇದಿಕೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಬಲಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಭಾಪತಿಯವರು ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಎಡಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಂಡರು. ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರು ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಮಧ್ಯಭಾಗದ ಆಸನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಂಡರು. ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರು ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಮುಂದಿರುವ ಆಸನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಂಡರು.

1. **ವಿಧಾನಮಂಡಲದ ಉಭಯ ಸದನಗಳನ್ನುದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿ ಘನತೆವೆತ್ತ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಭಾಷಣ.**

ಘನತೆವೆತ್ತ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್.ಆರ್. ಭಾರದ್ವಾಜ್‌ರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಧಾನ ಪರಿಷತ್ತಿನ ಜಂಟಿ ಅಧಿವೇಶನವನ್ನುದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿ ವಿಧಾನಸಭೆಯ ಸಭಾಂಗಣದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ 04.02.2013 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.05 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಭಾಷಣ.

Honourable Chairman, Honourable Speaker and Honourable Members of the Legislature,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to this joint session of Karnataka Legislature.

Over the last five years, my Government has been pursuing the development agenda and I congratulate the Chief Minister and his Cabinet colleagues for ensuring all round development of the State. I also compliment both the ruling and opposition parties for their active participation and productive discussions in the Legislature. Construction of Suvarna Soudha at Belgaum has indeed been a milestone, in addressing the aspirations of North Karnataka.

The law and order situation has been very good and the State has not witnessed any communal incidence. Our police force has done an excellent job in maintaining peace, controlling the naxal menace and effectively handling the situation at the time of agitation releated to North East. Similarly, we are tackling the crimes against women, with an iron hand.

COMFORTABLE FINANCIAL STATUS

I am happy to state that the financial status of my Government has been very sound. Fiscal deficit and public debt have been within the targets prescribed by the Central Government and the 13th Finance Commission. Over the last five years, the tax revenues of the State have more than doubled. Tax revenue is 10% of GSDP, which is among the highest in the

Country. The Plan size has increased by two and a half times over the last 5 years. Per-capita plan expenditure of RS. 6810, is among the highest in the Country.

NEW LEGISLATIONS

During the tenure of my Government, various bills like Guarantee of Services to the Citizens, Prohibiting Land Grabbing, Regulating Stone Crushers, Establishing Maritime Board etc., have been enacted. Legislations supporting setting up of new Universities related to Law, Higher Education, Horticulture, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Music & Culture, etc., have been passed.

In pursuance of the unanimous resolutions of both the Houses of Legislative, long pending demand of Hyderabad-Karnataka region has been fulfilled with the amendment to the Constitution of India by introduction of Article 371(J). The benefits of the amendment would be shortly extended to the people.

NEW POLICIES

My Government played a pro-active role in introducing several policies over the last five years covering Industries, Mining, Textiles, IT/BT, Semi Conductors, Tourism and Youth, promotion of Renewable Energy and Agri-business development etc.

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND ACCOLADES

Karnataka has been appreciated by one and all for making Citizens' Right to services through Karnataka Sakala Service Act, a dream come true. In a short span of 9 months more than 1.65 crore citizens have availed 265 services in a time bound manner. This is, by far, the highest achievement in the Country.

A Centre of Good Governance is being constituted and a compendium of Citizen Centric Innovations has been brought out to replicate success stories.

Various initiatives of the State have been recognised at National and International levels, in sectors such as E-Governance, transport, health, rural and urban development, water supply, etc.

For the first time, a scheme of "Sarvothama Seva Prashasthi" for rewarding the outstanding Government officers has been implemented.

STRIDES IN E-GOVERNANCE

Action is being taken to implement Aadhaar based delivery of Government services, eg: Social Security Pensions and MGNREGA. Implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer based on Aadhaar data in three districts of Tumkur, Mysore and Dharwad has started from 1st January.

Several Citizen Service Centres have been added under Bangalore-One and Karnataka-One, to provide electronic one-stop service to the citizens.

State has crossed transactions amounting to Rs. 1,63,000 crores through e-procurement, leading to a saving of 10% to State exchequer.

MORE CROP PRODUCTIVITY

My Government is the first in the Country to present a separate budget for Agriculture in 2010-11, focusing on rural livelihood and higher productivity.

'Bhoochetana' programme has improved crop productivity across the State, receiving wider appreciation throughout the Country. Inspite of deficit rainfall, annual food grain production is 125 lakh tones, which is higher than 118 lakh tones of the last years.

Farmers in the State have not faced any shortages in supply of fertilizers or good quality seeds, due to its effective management. We are also the first one to promote organic farming in a more wide spread manner, across the State.

E-trading in 45 APMCs has been introduced to ensure transparent trading for the benefit of farmers.

My Government has made timely intervention to ensure remunerative prices to farmers for several crops. In view of the reduction in import duty levels of silk, we have requested the Government of India to enhance the import duty levels, so that our sericulturists can get a level playing field.

For the first time in the Country, my Government organized 'Agri-Business Investors Meet' to mobilize more

capital investment in agriculture and allied sectors. Because of continuous efforts of my Government, Horticulture has boosted up, both in terms of area and production levels.

DROUGHT AND LOAN WAIVER

In view of the severe drought conditions, and amount of Rs. 3,600 crores of crop loans availed from Co-operative Banks upto Rs. 25,000/- per farmer, for 15 lakh farmers, has been waived off by the Government.

The disaster management Plan for Rs. 450 crores over 2 years, has been put into swift action to provide drinking water through tankers/ borewells and fodder for the cattle through goushalas, apart from other relief measures.

AUGUMENTING WATER RESOURCES

The Government has declared the year 2011-2021 as **NEERAVARI DASHAKA** to give thrust to irrigation sector. As a first step, 25 irrigation projects are completed during last four and half year. Phase-III of Upper Krishna Project amounting to Rs. 17,000 crores has been approved and 7 out of 9 sub components are under progress. Modernisation of Tungabhadra, Malaprabha and Ghataprabha, Left and Right Bank Canal and their distributaries is taken up for efficient water management.

Besides, my Government has effectively handled a difficult situation arising out of scanty rainfall in the Cauvery

basin. Yettinahole Project which is a part of Sri G.S.Paramashivaiah Report is being implemented as a short term strategy to fulfil the urgent needs of safe drinking water facility to eastern parts of Karnataka. Micro Irrigation system has been adopted for the first time in the country for efficient use of water.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

My Government has given high priority to human resource development, particularly, the Girl child in the form of 'Bhagyalakshmi' scheme, benefiting 16 lakh girls.

Right to Education Act is being implemented in the State, in letter and spirit. There has been a substantial improvement in the pass percentage and enrolment ratio, in primary and secondary education sector.

HIGHER EDUCATION

The Government has placed the highest priority for enhancing the access, quality, equity and inclusivity in higher education. It has more than doubled the access to higher education during last five years by increasing the number of universities, Government colleges and Government polytechnics.

Community College Scheme and 'Hoa Hejje' Programme have been given greater impetus to augment the skill component among higher education aspirants, to make them industry-ready and job-relevant. The State was fortunate to have the knowledge

Commission, chaired by Dr. Kasturi Rangan. The recommendations of the Commission are being implemented in the right earnest.

SOCIAL WELFARE MEASURES

My Government has ben utmost importance to the welfare of the weaker sections of society. Several projects have been undertaken to construct post matric hostels, improve infrastructure, provide quality education, enhanced scholarships, allowances etc. To give quality education to weaker section, residential schools named after Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji have been started this years.

A Separate department has been created for development of backward classes.

For the first time in the State, Tanda Development Corporation Ltd., has been established.

Along with several developmental programmes for the Minorities, construction of Haj Ghar in Bangalore, scholarships for Jain community and special allocation for Christian community, are some the the initiatives of my Government.

HEALTH

My Government has placed special emphasis on improvement of the health of our citizens, with a focus on mother and child. Recruitment of 38000 Asha workers has made

community health, a reality. As a result, infant mortality rate has been reduced to 35 per 1000 live births.

'Arogya Bandhu' scheme under public-private partnership has been launched in 51 primary health centres and the 'Arogya Kavacha-108' scheme has successfully saved 16.10 lakh precious lives.

In order to provide better health facilities to the people of Karnataka, Prasoothi Araike, Madilu, Thayi Bhagya, Arogya Kavacha, Vajpayee Arogyasri, Suvarna Arogya Chaitanya, Mobile Medical Unit, Arogya Bandhu schemes etc., have been implemented.

Under Yashaswini Scheme, on a average, 75,000 Co-operative farmers' families are being assisted every year for availing 805 different surgeries.

Karnataka has been awarded as the best State in implementation of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojane, extending benefits to 17.5 lakh BPL families.

HOUSING

In the last 5 years, 9 lakh houses have been constructed under different housing programmes for BPL families and in the perennially flood affected areas of northern Karnataka, 52,000 houses were constructed under 'Asare' scheme to shift the affected villages to safer places. We proposed to provide housing to nearly 12 lakh houseless families in the next 5 years to cover all houseless families.

HIGHER INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS

During the tenure of my Government, we have successfully organised two Global Invetors' Meet (2010 & 2012), in which MoUs worth more than RS. 10 lakh crores have been signed. In the post Global Investors Meet period till now, 59% of the MoUs signed, have been implemented.

My Government also promoted higher investments in the Small Scale Sector.

IT exports have touched 1,35,000 crores, giving direct employment to 8 lakh persons and indirect employment to 2.5 lakh people.

MORE SKILLS MORE JOBS

In 8 districts, our employment exchanges have been converted into Human Resource Development Centers.

Karnataka Skills Development Corporation has provided skill training to 3,45,350 candidates and given employment opportunities to 6 lakh youth. A major programme has been undertaken to modernize about 70 it is, with German assistance.

The Government has given job cards to 52.74 lakh households and employment to 7.32 lakh households, spending 1008.63 crores under MGNREGA.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Strengthening of Panchayat Raj institutions through adequate devolution of funds has been the hallmark of my

Government. We have succeeded in providing safe drinking water, despite consecutive drought conditions.

Rural roads have been improved under 'Namma Grama Namma Rasthe' Scheme.

REVENUE

Governance has been simplified and brought closer to the people through 900 'Atalji Janasnehi Kendras', providing not only Caste and Income Certificates, but also other services. Maintenance of land records is being modernized through scanning and digitisation, in order to ensure that the individual's property title is protected.

35 lakh pensioners including elderly, disabled, widows etc., are being assisted under various schemes.

BANGALORE CITY DEVELOPMENT

The first phase of 14 Kms of Bangalore Metro Project has already been commissioned, another 10.5 Kms between Peenya and Malleswaram will be operational in June 2013. Approval of 72 Kms long Phase 2 of Bangalore Metro Project costing Rs. 26,405 crores in on the cards.

Cauvery 4th stage 2nd phase project has been completed by BWSSB , to provide additional 500 MLD of water to the city. Rainwater harvesting has been implemented in 40,000 buildings.

17 under-passes/ surface-passes/ fly-overs, have been commissioned by BBMP in important traffic junctions, to reduce

traffic congestion. Rs. 150 crore worth works for development of parks is under different stage of implementation. Besides, 17 lakes are being rejuvenated in the City.

Collection of Property tax has been improved by identifying 15 lakh properties using GIS technology. A pilot project for digitising urban property ownership records has been initiated in Bangalore and 5 other major cities.

For the first time in the State, Special grant of Rs. 200 crores has been given to each City Municipal Corporations, for their comprehensive development.

Infrastructure in Small and Medium Towns is also being developed under Nagarothan Scheme of the State Government, with an allocation of 3500 crores.

POWER GENERATION

During my Government's tenure, 4593 MW generation capacity has been added. New generation projects are envisaged to produce more energy in the State during the coming years.

In order to reduce global warming, generation through renewable energy sources is emphasized. So far 1913 MW of Renewable Energy Projects are commissioned.

CONNECTIVITY THROUGH ROADS

A higher priority has been given to improve the road network across the State, especially development of State Highways and District Roads.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Government has entrusted construction of airports at Gulbarga and Shimoga on PPP mode. The State Government has partnered with Airports Authority of India to undertake expansion of Airports at Hubli and Belgaum.

Logistic Parks will be established under PPP mode at four locations. Action has been taken to expedite various Rail Projects. Tadadi Port will soon be developed on PPP mode.

MORE TOURIST ARRIVALS

In order at attract more tourists to the State, the focus is on Eco-Tourism, employment generation and capacity building of service providers.

My Government is committed to attain self sufficiency in generation of power, providing better socio-economic infrastructure especially connectivity of every taluka with State Highways, utilizing the available irrigation potential in the wake up UKP-III Award, enhancing productivity and income levels in agriculture and allied sectors, universalising health coverage with extension of tertiary care at district and taluka level, supply of safe drinking water, providing housing for al hut dwellers, improving quality of education in Government institutions and above all, ensuring Citizen Friendly Governance, by adding more and more services under Karnataka Sakala Services act, 2011.

We are all aware that Assembly elections are due shortly. I would appeal to the people of Karnataka to actively participate in the electoral process and exercise their democratic rights.

I would like to end by urging the Legislators to play their roles constructively and effectively for formulation of people friendly policies. I seek the Co-operation of all the Honourable Members in making Karnataka an even more prosperous, peaceful and progressive State.

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JAI KARNATAKA

(ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗೀತೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಘನತೆವೆತ್ತ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಭಾಷಣ 11.35ಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಕ್ತಾಯಗೊಂಡಿತು)

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